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Society of Friends, and  
afterwards to Bristol

and Paris. Sept. 30th 1851.

17 June are likely.

Dear Mr. Estlin,  
and before I leave you and the world,  
and before Dear & Many & my  
old friends & myself & all go to  
the great conflict, I say

Dear Mrs. Mitchell,

Let me seem  
to be again in Bristol, beneath  
the light of the white lilies,  
in the midst of the truest &  
tenderest hearts that ever beat  
in unison with this battle - this  
of the cause of Liberty, now  
glooming with friendship for the  
last of the defenders.

But I cannot stop to  
"bind thy helm" of many  
battles from my head - we  
must now talk through the  
visor; & having just finished 52 of

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of these pages, principally on the same subject, my sword-hand refuses any motions but those of assault and defence. I got my Bristol grammar of the 27<sup>th</sup> in London, and greatly did I enjoy it. It may be a long conflict, & a disagreeable conflict, and a manning & difficult conflict: But the Lord hath delivered them into our hand.

This then, is the portion of the Society of Friends as defined by Mr. Charlton. Its own fellowship slaveholders as Christians, but not heretics as abolitionists. It has found out why the Jews could have no dealings with the Samaritans even to save a brother-man fallen among them. It degrades the character of Christ in order to spare that of the slaveholder, & <sup>& calls to</sup> charity: - "to vindicate the character of God from the aspersion of sanctioning bloodshed & slavery, it <sup>is</sup> infidelity. In the conflict now going on between Freedom & Slavery, its first object

of attack is a free press. It embraces  
the advocate of the slaveholder & excom-  
municates the advocate of the slave;  
tries to ruin the Holy office upon  
the ruins of the British & Foreign Society  
& makes ~~inquisition~~ <sup>inquisition</sup> for heresy, when  
it should be marking iniquities for  
blood. — It makes a ~~man~~ <sup>an ~~un~~ man</sup> offender  
for a ~~man~~ <sup>in some</sup> cases, while no ~~act~~ <sup>act</sup> of darkness  
~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> is black enough to be blamed in  
other cases. It bespeaks soft words for  
the Tyrant & shames calumniating &  
male action upon the Liberator;  
Prefers Lewis Lappin to Garrison,  
& the distinct offspring of baffled spite  
& distinguished sectarians to that  
child of light & love, the American  
~~Anti-Slavery Society~~ <sup>Society</sup>. It loves a  
dead dog, better than a living lion,  
& ~~honor~~ <sup>honors</sup> bad coin money, must  
be judged by the coin money it keeps.  
But after all, is it fair to ~~tell~~ <sup>take</sup>  
the testimony of the Thirtys &  
Dr. Sturge against the Society of Friends?  
I prefer to judge a tree by its fruit  
unit & I will credit Isaac Lloyd  
& the Womys & Thomas & Dorcas Sturge  
& Elizabeth Pease, & trust that they

and such as they will redeem the  
Society of Friends from the calumnies  
of Frank Doug & Robert Chotton  
Have you seen the letter of  
John Latrobe, the president of  
the Maryland Colonization Society  
in the daily news of Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

It is called out by the correspondence  
between Victor Hugo & myself, & sh  
how colonization is the second form  
of slavery. What can Samuel  
Gurney think to find himself  
in fraternal union with men  
who sink the existence of the slave  
out of sight, & appeal to hatred  
& persecution to aid them in ban-  
ishing the dangerous free black from  
his native land, & who justify their  
inhumanity by a reference to  
the divine wisdom in permitting  
the slave-trade!! Where is  
the quaker's honor of blasphemy  
now? He can embrace this man.  
I must say adieu for the present  
W.W. Chapman